



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

Summary of the Proposed Regulation

The Child Day-Care Council proposes to revise its public participation guidelines (PPGs) to incorporate electronic forms of regulatory submission, notification, and communication that are currently available or may become available in the near future. Specific amendments include permitting notification and comment by facsimile, email, or other electronic means, and allowing electronic mailing lists to be maintained in addition to traditional paper lists. Several editorial changes are also proposed.

Estimated Economic Impact

Under the Administrative Process Act, all state agencies that promulgate regulations are required to maintain public participation mailing lists containing the names of all parties that have registered an interest in a particular regulation. Membership on these lists typically

includes members of the regulated community, public interest groups, law firms, and individual citizens with an interest in a particular area of regulation.

There are no clear disadvantages associated with the changes proposed by the Child Day-Care Council. Interested parties will be encouraged to be notified of regulatory actions electronically through the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. However, individuals may also choose to remain on the traditional mailing lists, which will continue to be maintained by the Board. While it is not known if this change will increase or decrease public participation in the development of the council's regulations, any change is likely to be very small.

If electronic notification and comment becomes more prevalent, there would be a reduction in printing and mailing costs incurred by the Council. In addition to the potential fiscal benefits, these changes also allow the Council to increase the speed of notification and the amount of information readily available to interested parties, which will increase efficiency and may enhance public participation.

Businesses and Entities Affected

This change will affect individuals and organizations interested in the regulations governing child day centers licensed by the Child Day-Care Council in Virginia. There are currently 2500 licensed child day centers, 100 licensing staff, and 122 individuals listed on the PPG mailing list for the Child Day-Care Council.

Localities Particularly Affected

No localities are particularly affected by the proposed regulation.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have a significant effect on employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have a significant effect on the use and value of private property.